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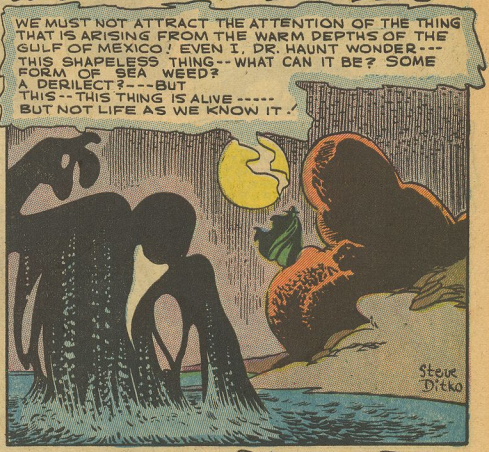

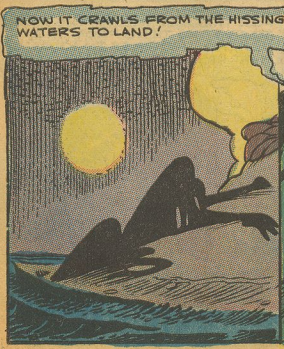

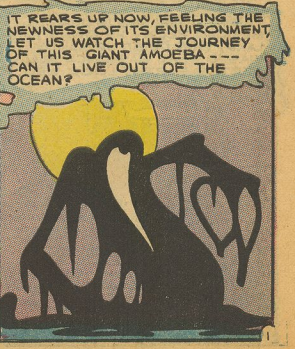

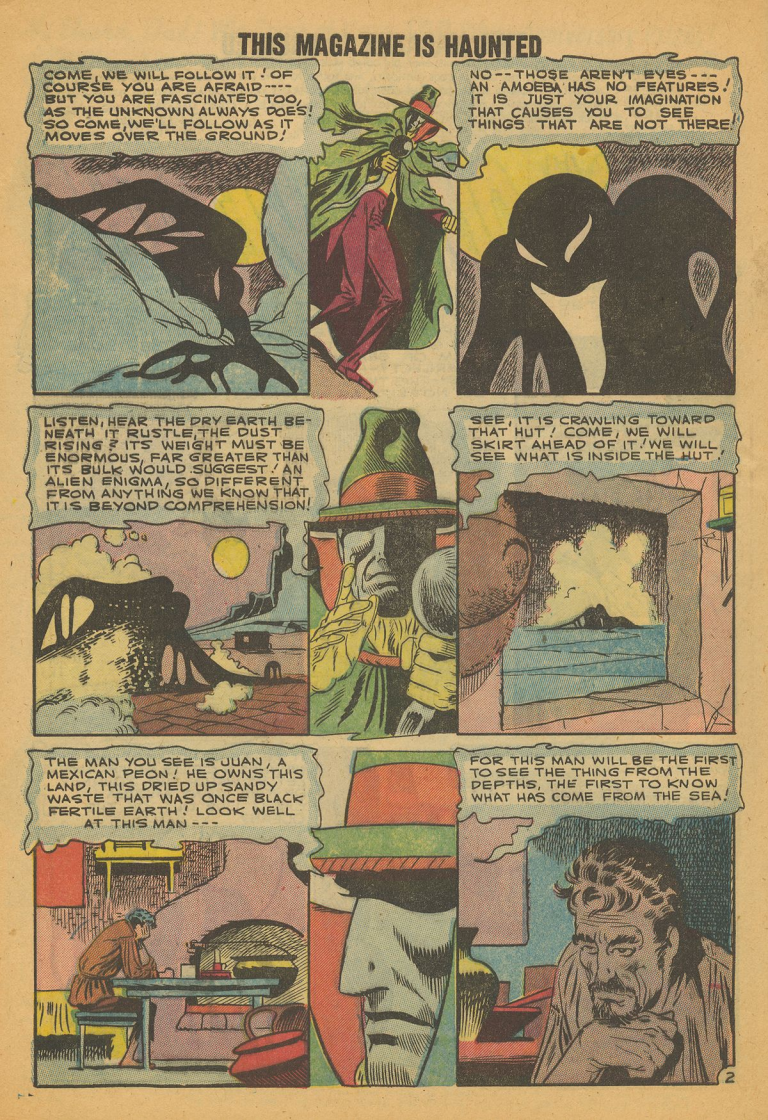
COME, WE WILL FOLLOW IT! OF COURSE YOU ARE AFRAID---- BUT YOU ARE FASCINATED TOO, AS THE UNKNOWN ALWAYS DOES! SO COME, WE'LL FOLLOW AS IT MOVES OVER THE GROUND!
NO--THOSE AREN'T EYES--- AN AMOEBA HAS NO FEATURES! IT IS JUST YOUR IMAGINATION THAT CAUSES YOU TO SEE THINGS THAT ARE NOT THERE!
LISTEN, HEAR THE DRY EARTH BENEATH IT RUSTLE, THE DUST RISING? ITS WEIGHT MUST BE ENORMOUS, FAR GREATER THAN ITS BULK WOULD SUGGEST! AN ALIEN ENIGMA, SO DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING WE KNOW THAT IT IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION!
SEE, IT IS CRAWLING TOWARD THAT HUT! COME, WE WILL SKIRT AHEAD OF IT! WE WILL SEE WHAT IS INSIDE THE HUT!
THE MAN YOU SEE IS JUAN, A MEXICAN PEON! HE OWNS THIS LAND, THIS DRIED UP SANDY WASTE THAT WAS ONCE BLACK FERTILE EARTH! LOOK WELL AT THIS MAN---
FOR THIS MAN WILL BE THE FIRST TO SEE THE THING FROM THE DEPTHS, THE FIRST TO KNOW WHAT HAS COME FROM THE SEA!

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SO YOU WOULD DESTROY ALL THAT WE HAVE LABORED AT SO LONG--- HAVE COUNTED ON! YOU WOULD DESTROY ALL THIS, EH?
FEAR IS BURNED OUT OF HIM BY SEETHING ANGER--ANGER THAT HAS BEEN BUILDING UP FOR WEEKS---
THIS--THIS IS TOO MUCH! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, AND I DO NOT CARE! THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO BEAR!
THE MAN SEES IN THIS ALIEN THING A SYMBOL OF ALL HIS TROUBLES, SOMETHING TANGIBLE HE CAN STRIKE BACK AT--- AND HE IS TOO ANGRY TO CONSIDER CONSEQUENCES!
I WILL SHOW YOU, YOU THING---

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The GREEN MAN

I TRAVEL THE EARTH SEARCHING FOR THE STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS! THE EERIE AND UNUSUAL . . . WHEREVER THE HOUNDS OF THE UNWORLD BAY TO THE MOON, THERE GO I, I DR. HAUNT! IT WAS THAT SILENT BAYING THAT BROUGHT ME HERE, LIKE THAT MUFFLED STRANGER, TO THE HOUSE OF DR. FERN-PRENTISS...

Steve Ditko

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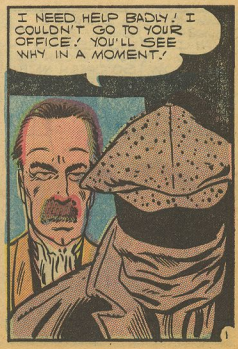

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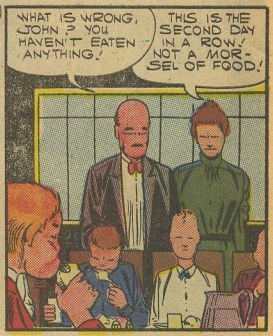

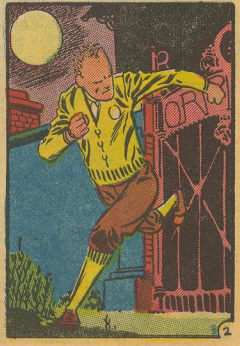

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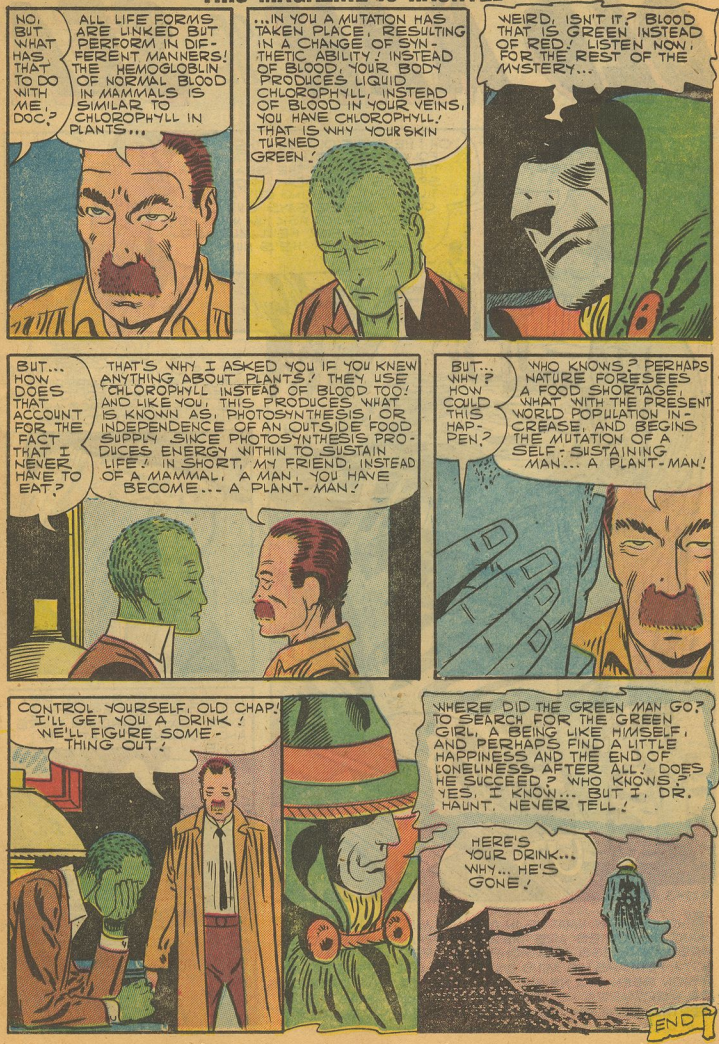

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OLD MAN OF THE SEA

SAY, WHO IS THAT OLD CHARACTER?

OH, HE'S THE OLD GUY THE FOLKS AROUND HERE CALL THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA! SPENDS EVERY DAY, MORNING TILL NIGHT, LOOKING OUT AT THE COVE! NEVER SAYS BUT ONE WORD! IF YOU ASK HIM WHAT HE'S LOOKING FOR HE'LL MURMER, "MERMAID"! HE'S NUTS!

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HIS EYES WERE FASTENED ON THE COVE, BUT THEY WERE UNFOCUSED, REMEMBERING EYES THAT SEEMED TO SCORN THE WATER'S SURFACE AND PLUNGE BENEATH TO SEE...

HE WAS REMEMBERING, RE-LIVING THE PAST AS HE DID EVERY DAY, STANDING THERE AND LOOKING OUT AT THE COVE...

WHO CAN SAY WHAT IS IN A MAN'S MIND? WHO KNOWS WHAT MEMORIES ARE THERE. PERHAPS HIS MEMORIES ARE WORTHLESS, COMMONPLACE! PERHAPS THEY'RE NOT! PERHAPS HIS MIND DWELLS ON STRANGENESS, A VISION SEEN AND NEVER FORGOTTEN, A THING OF DREAMS OR NIGHTMARES AS STRANGE AND UNKNOWN AS THE DEPTHS BENEATH THE RESTLESS SEA! PERHAPS!

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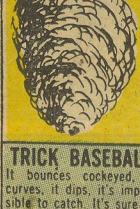

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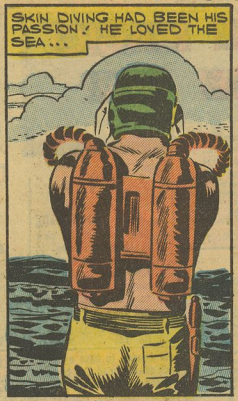

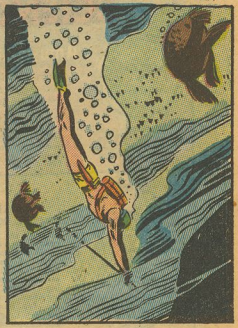

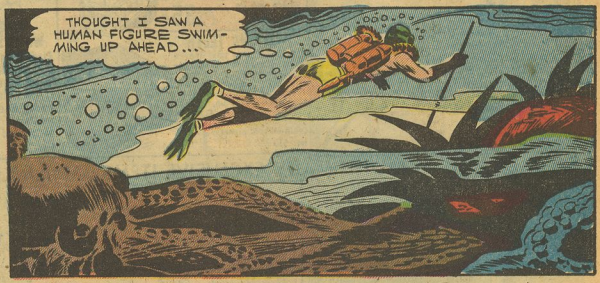

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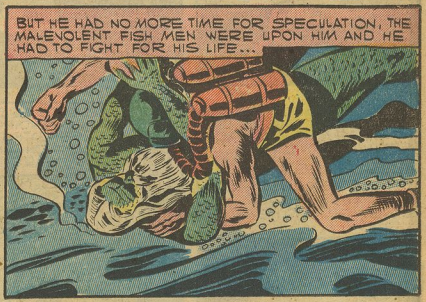

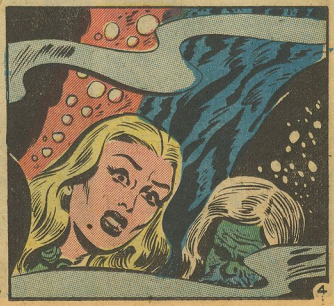

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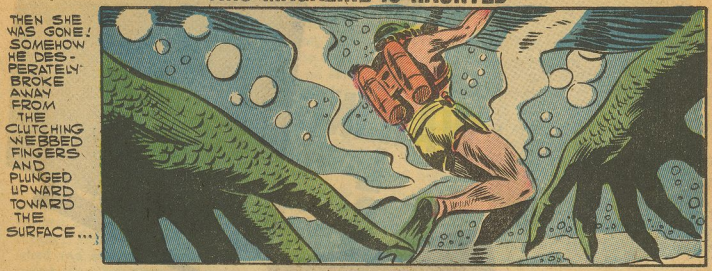

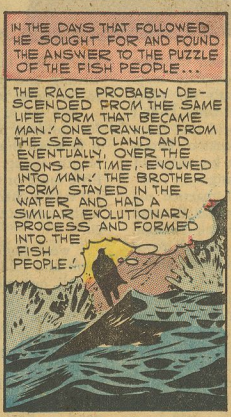

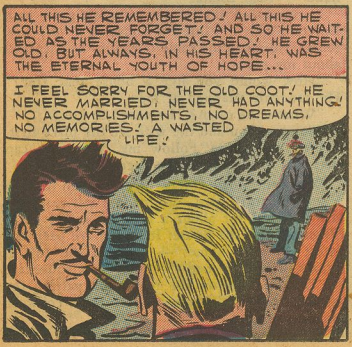

It really all started when I closed my eyes and put my finger on an automobile map. "Wherever the finger lands, that's the place where we will land," I told my wife. Didn't have the slightest idea in the world that there was a haunted house on the outskirts of Parkstown. But I'm just getting a wee bit ahead of myself so let's start at the beginning.

Like a lot of other fellows, I married my High School sweetheart, Lee Stobba. By that simple process she became Mrs. Frank Putman. What can a fellow who lives in a small town do to make a living enough for himself and a wife?

Well, you can work in the local bank, the garage, the drug store, grocery store, hotel, or in the post office. None of these offered any special attractions. I landed a job on the local newspaper and I remained there for five years. I met a lot of people, did a lot of things, and enjoyed life. Then one day, Bill Gurgis, the editor told me the sad news.

"We fold up at the end of the month. You'll get two months severance pay, and of course, the best recommendation we can give you. Got anything in mind?"

"Sort of," I replied. "Remember Waldo Shroeder? He was the fellow who used to do those funny cartoons for us one summer. Now he's the head of a children's book department in the Big City. I write to him regularly. Wants me to try my hand at books for kids."

I went home and told Lee the news. Seems she just figured on us getting a new car. This meant we would have to watch every dollar until I earned a steady income. I told her about seeing Waldo.

"Best thing for you to do," she suggested, "is to see Waldo. Maybe he will remember the things he promised. On the other hand, he may have other plans."

At the end of the week I was in Waldo's office. We talked about many things in the writing and publishing fields. Then he came to the point of my visit.

"We are in the market for a series of books for children one every two months. Age level is between 8 and 12. I will do the illustrations length about thirty thousand words each. A little more or less won't make much difference. I'll take a chance and give you a three hundred dollar advance against royalties. Now get started."

I went home to our small furnished apartment and told Lee the good news. We packed up all our worldly belongings, including the typewriter, into the back of the car.

"Where to?" Lee asked.

"I'll close my eyes and put my finger on the automobile map," I smiled. "That's our destination."

Two days later we arrived in Parkstown. Stopped before a sign that read: "Max Cornand — Real Estate."

I introduced myself to a middle-aged man and told him I wanted a house at a very low rental. He asked me some questions and learned about my plans.

"How would you like a house rent free?" He suddenly snapped at me.

"What's the catch?" I wanted to know.

"Suppose you and the wife see the place first. My car is outside. Follow me. Then you can decide if you want to live there."

We went down Main Street. Then out to a small country road. We made a left turn and drove uphill for about a mile on a dirt road. Then we saw the house. It must have been the latest thing in homes — back in the 1890's. Max Cornand opened the door — it squeeked.

"Does this follow the regulation pattern for haunted houses?" I asked. "Are there cobwebs on the ceiling?"

He brushed some aside to show me I had

made a good guess. There were six rooms downstairs and four upstairs. The house was well built. A good cleaning, some paint, and a few accessories would make the house look o.k. It had running water and surprise of surprises — a small power plant to furnish electricity.

"If you and your wife live here for two months, you don't pay a cent rent. Live here for six months and you get title to the place."

"Sure you aren't kidding?" I half jested.

"Eight other folks tried it and quit," he explained. "They all said the house was haunted. Owned by the late Jacob Bratter. He and his brother, Henry, fought over a girl. Henry vanished and nobody knew where. Some say Jacob killed him, but there are moans in the house. Last couple swear they saw the ghost of Henry Bratter. Jacob left a will and a small trust fund. The house goes to anybody with enough guts to live here as I explained to you. If you find out what happened to Henry, you get the trust fund."

We had brought canned goods with us and we made a meal. Invited Max Cornand to eat with us.

"Not in a haunted house," he grinned. "Against my best principles. Good luck to you folks."

It was when we started to wash the dishes that we began to hear the noise. It was first a wail. Something like a choking sob. Then like footsteps running up and down the wall.

"I'm imagining what I hear, Lee," I announced with a lot of courage in my voice.

"No imagination," corrected my wife. "I hear it too. A wail and footsteps."

We went into the living room and I put my typewriter on the table. Then the noises began in that room.

"Think the ghost is here?"

I should never had said that. For the lights went out at that moment and Lee gave a big yell. She clung to me and the lights went on again.

"Sorry, Frank," she apologized. "Must be a combination of a tired feeling plus a little nerves."

"Just say the word, darling," I counselled, "And we'll pack and be out of this place in fifteen minutes."

"But there are no ghosts," she pointed out to me. "Don't be silly. You can't let ghosts that aren't drive the two of us out of here."

The noises continued for half an hour. From room to room they went, and we went wherever we heard the noises. Then they stopped. We were both exhausted and decided to call it quits for the evening. But I had a terrible nightmare about big footsteps that made a lot of noises. In the morning we had breakfast. At about nine or ten the noises started all over again.

"Two weeks of this could drive one absolutely batty in the upper story," I admitted to my wife. "We need some food supplies. There's a store at the turn to the road. You wait here until I come back."

"Take me with you," said my wife. "I really would be scared to be here alone."

We did our shopping. Seems the old man had been told about us by Max Cornand. He ran the place himself.

"You won't last long up there," he sort of challenged. "Henry's ghost wants to be alone."

"Maybe I could scare Henry's ghost out of there?" was my reply.

We returned to the house. It was quiet in the afternoon, but after supper the noises started all over again. I listened carefully and followed them from room to room.

"Nothing human nor animal could be behind those walls," I told my wife. "So don't be scared. I have an idea. Tomorrow we drive back to town."

We didn't sleep all night, and we looked tired when we went into town. I found my man and talked to him.

"Probably you are right, he said. "This gives me a chance to catch a ghost that isn't. Sure, I'll help you."

He invited my wife to stay with his wife while he came up to the house with me. We worked together for six hours ripping out sections of the walls. We came across a concealed closet and found a note which he read.

"This is from Henry to his brother," he informed me. "Saying he is going to South America. So that solves the problem of the missing brother. Everything is o.k. now. You owe me fifty dollars for the job."

I paid him gladly. The walls would be fixed later. Back we went to town. I got my wife and the real estate man and we went to the house.

"What a mess!" said Mr. Cornand.

"Take a look at this note," I told him. "Explains where Henry went after the quarrel. You'll hear no noises from today on."

"Why?" asked my wife.

"That wasn't a ghost behind the walls," I informed her. "Just a trapped traveling air bubble in the old water pipes. When you turned on the water, the bubble went all through the pipes and back again. I once interviewed a plumber and I remembered about trapped air bubbles making noises in a pipe. So I got the local plumber to help me."

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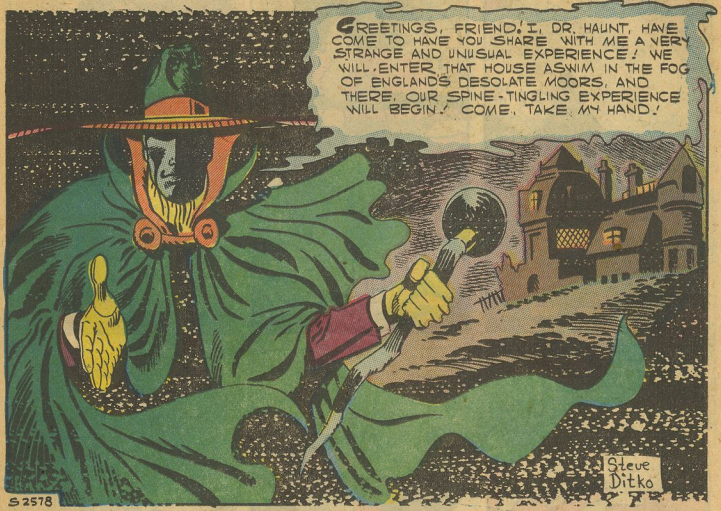

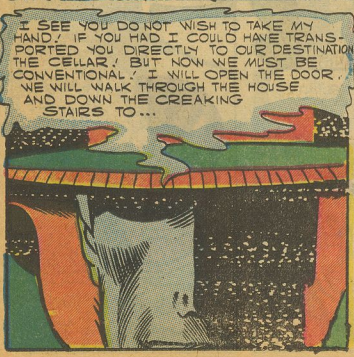

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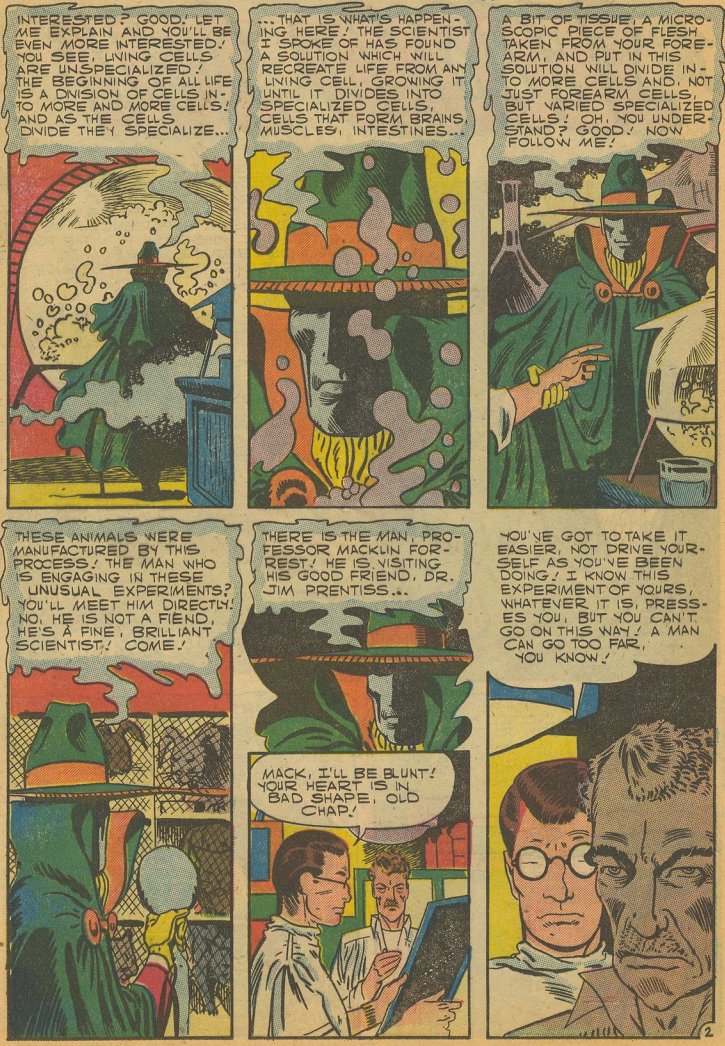

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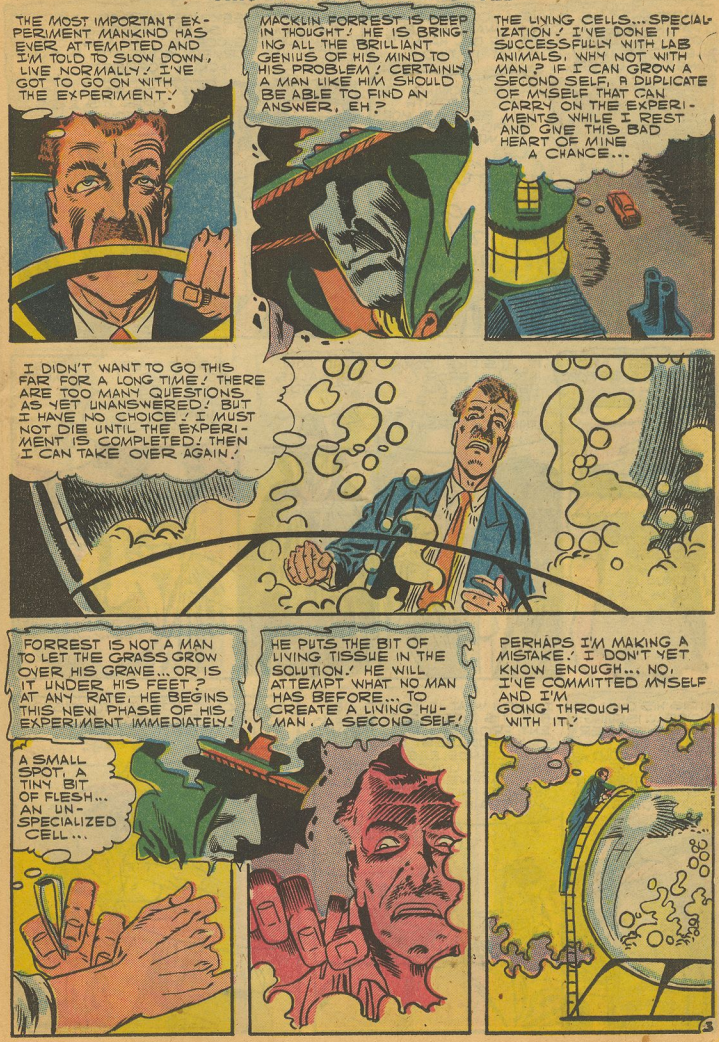

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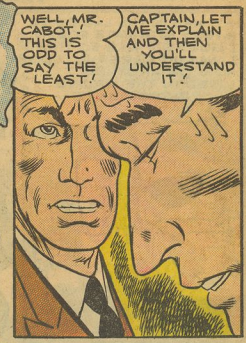

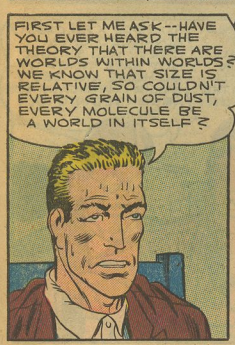

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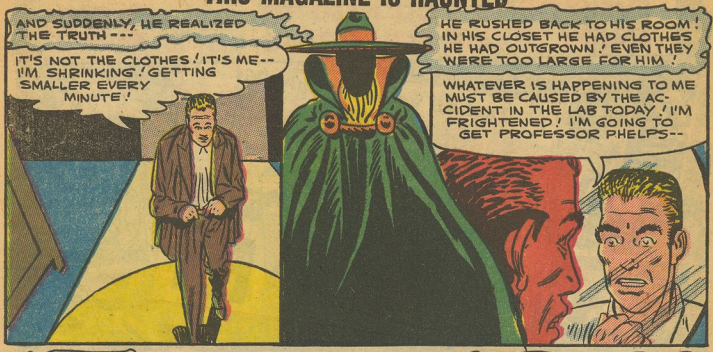

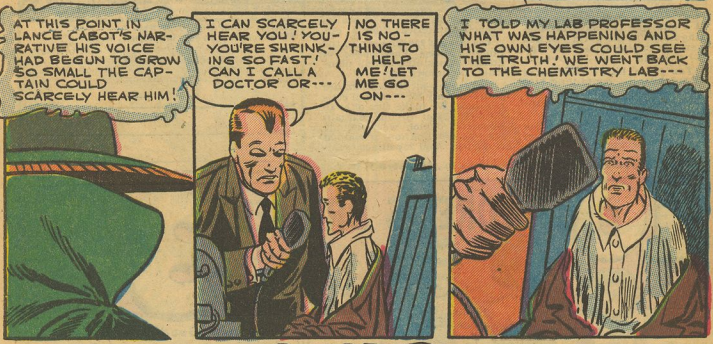

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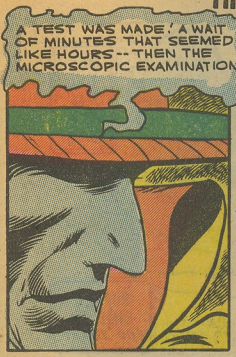

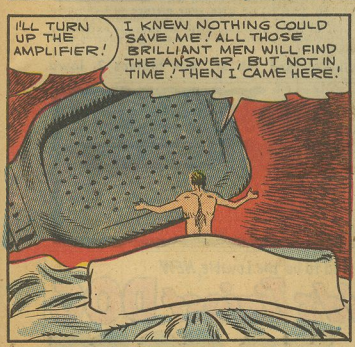

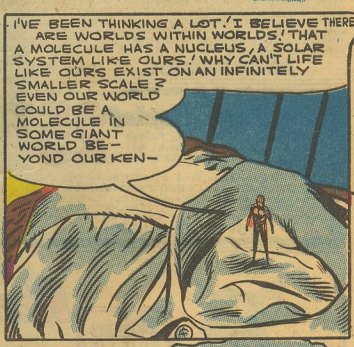

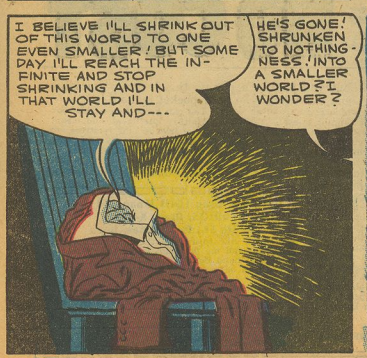

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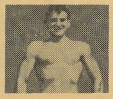

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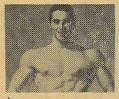

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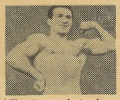

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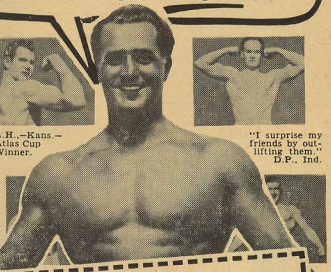

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